

March 28, 2022

Honorable Frank Hornstein Minnesota House of Representatives 545 State Office Building 100 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Advisory Council on Traffic Safety

Dear Representative Hornstein,

The Minnesota Safety Council fully supports the establishment an advisory council on traffic safety. Last year, 501 people were killed on our roads and over 50,000 people were injured. Minnesota needs to focus on traffic safety more today than at any other time in recent memory.

Our state has an almost two decade history of working in partnership to improve traffic safety. This effort includes the Toward Zero Deaths coalition and many other partners. Formally establishing this partnership through an advisory council, requiring an annual assessment of the state of traffic safety and providing funding which complements existing and anticipated federal, state and local funding for traffic safety is a step in the right direction.

Thank you for hearing this proposal and thank you to all the committee members for considering this effort.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Aasen President

Cc: John Howe